

QUERIES ON SEXUALITY AND AVP

by the Participants in a Session on AVP and Sexuality
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(These queries are offered, not as the definitive set of queries on this subject, but as part of the ongoing process of reflection on issues of concern to the AVP community.)

- What is the relationship between my feelings for all people and my feeling of sexual attraction to a specific person?
- Am I seeing the person in her/his wholeness?
- What role does power play in the sexual feeling?
- To what extent is a sexual attraction mere personal gratification, and to what extent is it a reflection of real concern for the other person?
- Can I love others without claiming anything for myself?
- What do I feel that I'm afraid to show and why do I believe it cannot be transformed?
- Why do men find it hard to express feelings and be vulnerable with other men?
- Can men and women relate to each other as equal partners?
- Why do men feel they can express feelings and vulnerabilities only with women?
- Why do women feel they can express real feelings and vulnerability only with other women?
- How can we cope, ethically and emotionally, with feeling sexual attraction to two or more people at the same time?
- Can sexual awareness be a positive aspect of a nonsexual relationship?
- How do the loving approaches of a sexually starved person make me feel?
- How are sexual feelings tied to anger?
- How does my own sexual image affect my relationship with other people?
- Do I strive to encourage others only in roles which are constructive and positive for them and for the group?
- How can I turn off a love relationship which I feel developing but do not want to occur?
- How do I transform a romantic love relationship into a simply loving relationship?
- Is fear linked to a person's inability to love?
- Is male image linked to the perception that a man must come on to a woman?
- Why is an AVP workshop a poor place to work out relationships and sexual feelings?